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FBI Director Christopher Wray speaks to journalists at the Omaha FBI office on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022, in Omaha, Neb.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI recovered documents

that were labeled "top secret" from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, according to court papers released Friday after a fed-

eral judge unsealed the warrant that authorized the unprecedented search this week.

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The seized records include some that were marked classified as top secret and also "sensitive compartmented information," a special category meant to protect the nation's most important secrets and those that if revealed publicly would harm U.S. interests. The court records did not provide specific details about the documents or what information they might contain.

The warrant details that federal agents were investigating potential violations of three different federal laws, including one that governs gathering, transmitting or losing defense information under the Espionage Act. The other statutes address the concealment, mutilation or removal of records and the destruction, alteration, or falsification of records in federal investigations.

The property receipt also showed federal agents collected other potential presidential records, including the order pardoning Trump ally Roger Stone, a "leather-bound box of documents," and information about the "President of France." A binder of photos, a handwritten note, "miscellaneous secret documents" and "miscellaneous confidential documents" were also seized in the search.

Trump's attorney, Christina Bobb, who was present at Mar-a-Lago when the agents conducted the search, signed both property receipts — one that was two pages long and another that is a single page.

In a statement earlier Friday, Trump claimed that the documents seized by agents were "all declassified," and argued that he would have turned over the documents to the Justice Department if asked. While incumbent presidents have the power to declassify information, that authority lapses as soon as they leave office and it was not clear if the documents in question have ever



The receipt for property that was seized during the execution of a search warrant by the FBI at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Fla., is photographed Friday, Aug. 12, 2022.

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been declassified. Trump also kept possession of the documents despite multiple requests from agencies, including the National Archives, to turn over presidential records in accordance with federal law.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart, the same judge who signed off on the search warrant, unsealed the warrant and property receipt Friday at the request of the Justice Department after Attorney General Merrick Garland declared there was "substantial public interest in this matter," and Trump backed the warrant's "immediate" release. The Justice Department told the judge Friday afternoon that Trump's lawyers did not object to the proposal to make it public.

In messages posted on his Truth Social platform, Trump wrote, "Not only will I not oppose the release of documents ... I am going a step further by ENCOURAGING the immediate release of those documents."

Trump himself had been given at least some of the records the government was seeking to unseal, but he and his lawyers have declined, so far, to make them public.

The Justice Department's request is striking because such documents tradition-

ally remain sealed during a pending investigation. But the department appeared to recognize that its silence since the search had created a vacuum for bitter verbal attacks by Trump and his allies, and that the public was entitled to the FBI's side about what prompted Monday's action at the former president's home.

"The public's clear and powerful interest in understanding what occurred under these circumstances weighs heavily in favor of unsealing," said a motion filed in federal court in Florida on Thursday.

The information was released as(Trump prepares for another run for the White House. During his 2016 campaign, he pointed frequently to an FBI investigation into his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton, over whether she mishandled classified information. To obtain a search warrant, federal authorities must prove to a judge that probable cause exists to believe that a crime was committed. Garland said he personally approved the warrant, a decision he said the department did not take lightly given that standard practice where possible is to select less intrusive tactics than a search of one's home.

In this case, according to

a person familiar with the matter, there was substantial engagement with Trump and his representatives prior to the search warrant, including a subpoena for records and a visit to Mar-a-Lago a couple of months ago by FBI and Justice Department officials to assess how the documents were stored. The person was not authorized to discuss the matter by name and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Neither Trump nor the FBI has said anything about what documents the FBI might have recovered, or what precisely agents were looking for.

FBI and Justice Department policy cautions against discussing ongoing investigations, both to protect the integrity of the inquiries and to avoid unfairly maligning someone who is being scrutinized but winds up ultimately not being charged. That's especially true in the case of search warrants, where supporting court papers are routinely kept secret as the investigation proceeds.

In this case, though, Garland cited the fact that Trump himself had provided the first public confirmation of the FBI search, "as is his right." The Justice Department, in its new filing, also said that disclosing

information about it now would not harm the court's functions.

The Justice Department under Garland has been leery of public statements about politically charged investigations, or of confirming to what extent it might be investigating Trump as part of a broader probe into the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol and efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 election.

The department has tried to avoid being seen as injecting itself into presidential politics, as happened in 2016 when then-FBI Director James Comey made an unusual public statement announcing that the FBI would not be recommending criminal charges against Clinton regarding her handling of email — and when he spoke up again just over a week before the election to notify Congress that the probe was being effectively reopened because of the discovery of new emails.

The Mar-a-Lago search warrant served Monday was part of an ongoing Justice Department investigation into the discovery of classified White House records recovered from Trump's home in Palm Beach, Florida, earlier this year. The National Archives had asked the department to investigate after saying 15 boxes of records it retrieved from the estate included classified records. Multiple federal laws govern the handling of classified information.

The attorney general also condemned verbal attacks on FBI and Justice Department personnel over the search. Some Republican allies of Trump have called for the FBI to be defunded. Large numbers of Trump supporters have called for the warrant to be released hoping they it will show that Trump was unfairly targeted.

"I will not stand by silently when their integrity is unfairly attacked," Garland said of federal law enforcement agents, calling them "dedicated, patriotic public servants." □



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Arizona won't wait for feds, starts filling border wall gaps

By **BOB CHRISTIE**
Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona began moving in shipping containers to close a 1,000-foot gap in the border wall near the southern Arizona farming community of Yuma on Friday, with officials saying they were acting to stop migrants after repeated, unfulfilled promises from the Biden administration to block off the area.

The move by Arizona comes without explicit permission on federal land, with state contractors starting to move in 60-foot-long (18.3-meter-long) shipping containers and stacking two of the 9-foot-tall (2.7-meter-tall) containers on top of each other early Friday. They plan to complete the job within days, and the containers will be topped with 4 feet (1.2 meters) of razor wire, said Katie Rattlief, Republican Gov. Doug Ducey's deputy chief of staff.

The state plans to fill three gaps in the border wall constructed during former President Donald Trump's tenure in the coming weeks totaling 3,000 feet (914.4 meters).

"The federal government has committed to doing this, but we cannot wait for their action," Rattlief said.

John Mennell, a spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, said the agency had just learned of Arizona's action and "is not prepared to comment at this time."

The move is the latest push-back by a Republican-led border state to what they contend is inaction by

Democratic President Joe Biden on immigration. It was immediately prompted by the announcement of the end of the "Remain in Mexico" program that was announced this week, Ducey's top lawyer, Annie Foster said. That program required asylum-seekers to return to Mexico and await a court date, although thousands of migrants who make it into the country were not returned.

Arizona has been sending two to three buses of asylum seekers from Yuma to Washington over the last three months to make a political statement as the number of arriving migrants overwhelmed local resources. Ducey began the program in May and has said everyone on the bus trips are going voluntarily to the capital with intended final destinations in East Coast cities.

Texas also is busing migrants to the East, and the mayors of New York and Washington sought federal help last month to deal with the influx, a request that brought a gleeful response from Republicans who say the pleas are evidence the U.S. is in an immigration crisis.

As of Aug. 11, the state of Arizona had sent 1,425 asylum seekers to Washington, according to the governor's office.

Ducey is using \$6 million for the project out of \$335 million the Legislature authorized in June to construct virtual or physical fencing along the border with Mexico.

Ducey, who co-chairs the Republican Governors Association, and other GOP



This photo provided by the Arizona Governor's Office shows shipping containers that will be used to fill a 1,000 foot gap in the border wall with Mexico near Yuma, Ariz., on Friday, Aug. 12, 2022.

Associated Press

politicians have tapped into border security as a potent political foil in an election year. He packed a signing letter for the budget with criticism of Biden.

"Arizona will not sit idly by as the Biden administration fails to do its job and safeguard our state and nation from the clear and present danger of an unsecure border," Ducey's letter said.

The Biden Administration announced late last month that it had authorized completion of the Trump-funded U.S.-Mexico border wall near Yuma.

The area has become one of the busiest corridors for illegal crossings, and they planned to fill in four wide gaps. Arizona officials said they did not know why there was a discrepancy between the three gaps they identified and the federal government's plans.

Biden had pledged during his campaign to cease all future wall construction,

but the administration later agreed to some barriers, citing safety.

The Department of Homeland Security planned work to close four wide gaps in the wall near Yuma to better protect migrants who can slip down a slope or drown walking through a low section of the Colorado River.

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas authorized completion of the project near the Morelos Dam in July, a move officials said reflected the administration's "priority to deploy modern, effective border measures and also improving safety and security along the Southwest Border."

Arizona points to a rising number of migrants coming into the state and accompanying drug smuggling as a major reason for their action. Agents stopped migrants more than 160,000 times from

January through June in the Yuma sector, nearly quadruple from the same period last year. The only other Border Patrol sectors with more traffic were Del Rio and Rio Grande Valley in South Texas.

Despite the federal promise to fill in the gaps, Arizona officials said no action had been taken to actually close the gaps. The federal government apparently put the project out to bid this week, but that may takes weeks or months.

Foster said he decided to act even if the federal government later objects.

"At this point, we are closing that gap and we'll figure out the consequences as we move forward," Foster said at a briefing for reporters. "But bottom line is that the federal government has a duty to protect the states — that's part of the contract, that's part of the constitution. They failed to do that." □

Author Salman Rushdie stabbed on lecture stage in New York

By **JOSHUA GOODMAN**

Associated Press

CHAUTAUQUA, N.Y. (AP)

— Salman Rushdie, whose novel “The Satanic Verses” drew death threats from Iran’s leader in the 1980s, was stabbed in the neck and abdomen Friday by a man who rushed the stage as he was about to give a lecture in western New York.

A bloodied Rushdie, 75, was flown to a hospital. His condition was not immediately known. His agent, Andrew Wylie, said the writer was undergoing surgery, but he had no other details.

Police identified the attacker as Hadi Matar, 24, of Fairview, New Jersey. He was arrested at the scene and was awaiting arraignment. State police Major Eugene J. Staniszewski said the motive for the stabbing was unclear.

An Associated Press reporter witnessed the attacker confront Rushdie on stage at the Chautauqua Institution and punch or stab him 10 to 15 times as he was being introduced. The author was pushed or fell to the floor, and the man was arrested.

Dr. Martin Haskell, a physician who was among those who rushed to help, described Rushdie’s wounds as “serious but recoverable.”

Event moderator Henry Reese, 73, a co-founder of an organization that offers



Law enforcement officers detain a person outside the Chautauqua Institution, Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, in Chautauqua, N.Y.

residencies to writers facing persecution, was also attacked. Reese suffered a facial injury and was treated and released from a hospital, police said. He and Rushdie were due to discuss the United States as a refuge for writers and other artists in exile.

A state trooper and a county sheriff’s deputy were assigned to Rushdie’s lecture, and state police said the trooper made the arrest. But after the attack, some longtime visitors to the center questioned why there wasn’t tighter security for the event, given the decades of threats against Rushdie and a bounty on

his head offering more than \$3 million for anyone who kills him.

Rabbi Charles Savenor was among the roughly 2,500 people in the audience. Amid gasps, spectators were ushered out of the outdoor amphitheater.

The assailant ran onto the platform “and started pounding on Mr. Rushdie. At first you’re like, ‘What’s going on?’ And then it became abundantly clear in a few seconds that he was being beaten,” Savenor said. He said the attack lasted about 20 seconds.

Another spectator, Kathleen Jones, said the attacker was dressed in black,

with a black mask.

“We thought perhaps it was part of a stunt to show that there’s still a lot of controversy around this author. But it became evident in a few seconds” that it wasn’t, she said.

The suspect’s attorney, public defender Nathaniel Barone, said he was still gathering information and declined to comment.

Rushdie has been a prominent spokesman for free expression and liberal causes. He is a former president of PEN America, which said it was “reeling from shock and horror” at the attack.

“We can think of no comparable incident of a pub-

lic violent attack on a literary writer on American soil,” CEO Suzanne Nossel said in a statement.

Rushdie’s 1988 novel was viewed as blasphemous by many Muslims, who saw a character as an insult to the Prophet Muhammad, among other objections. Across the Muslim world, often-violent protests erupted against Rushdie, who was born in India to a Muslim family.

At least 45 people were killed in riots over the book, including 12 people in Rushdie’s hometown of Mumbai. In 1991, a Japanese translator of the book was stabbed to death and an Italian translator survived a knife attack. In 1993, the book’s Norwegian publisher was shot three times and survived.

The book was banned in Iran, where the late leader Grand Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini issued a 1989 fatwa, or edict, calling for Rushdie’s death. Khomeini died that same year.

Iran’s current Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has never issued a fatwa of his own withdrawing the edict, though Iran in recent years hasn’t focused on the writer.

Iran’s mission to the United Nations did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Friday’s attack, which led a night news bulletin on Iranian state television. □



A cross and Bible sculpture stand outside the Southern Baptist Convention headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., on May 24, 2022.

Associated Press

By **H. MEYER/D. CRARY**

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)

— Leaders of the Southern

Baptist Convention said Friday that several of the denomination’s major entities are under investigation

Southern Baptists say denomination faces DOJ investigation

by the U.S. Department of Justice in the wake of its multiple problems related to clergy sex abuse.

The SBC’s Executive Committee has received a subpoena, but no individuals have been subpoenaed at this point, according to the committee’s lawyers.

“This is an ongoing investigation and we are not commenting on our discussions with DOJ,” they said.

The statement from SBC leaders — including Executive Committee members, seminary presidents and

heads of mission organizations — gave few details about the investigation, but indicated it dealt with widespread sexual abuse problems that have rocked the largest Protestant denomination in the U.S.

“Individually and collectively each SBC entity is resolved to fully and completely cooperate with the investigation,” the statement said. “While we continue to grieve and lament past mistakes related to sexual abuse, current leaders across the SBC have

demonstrated a firm conviction to address those issues of the past and are implementing measures to ensure they are never repeated in the future.”

Earlier this year, an SBC sex abuse task force released a blistering 288-page report from outside consultant, Guidepost Solutions. The firm’s seven-month independent investigation found disturbing details about how denominational leaders mishandled sex abuse claims and mistreated victims. □

U.N. chief affirms support for denuclearized North Korea

By KIM TONG-HYUNG

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Friday proclaimed unwavering U.N. commitment to a fully denuclearized North Korea, even as a divided Security Council allows more room for the isolated country to expand its nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs.

Meeting South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol in Seoul, Guterres said he affirms the U.N.'s "clear commitment to the full, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and DPRK," using the initials of North Korea's formal name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. "There's a fundamental objective to bring peace, security and stability to the whole region," he told Yoon, while also praising South Korea's participation in international peacekeeping efforts and fighting climate change.

Guterres, who arrived in South Korea on Thursday, later met with South Kore-



U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, left, and South Korean Foreign Minister Park Jin pose for a photo before their meeting at the Foreign Ministry in Seoul, South Korea, Friday, Aug. 12, 2022. Associated Press

an Foreign Minister Park Jin, who said the U.N.-led international community should be communicating a stern and unified message to North Korea that its nuclear ambitions won't be tolerated. Park called for the U.N.'s help in finding an effective solution to the North Korean nuclear issue, and Guterres expressed support

for South Korean efforts to stabilize peace in the peninsula, the Foreign Ministry said. North Korea has test-fired more than 30 ballistic missiles this year, including its first flights of intercontinental ballistic missiles since 2017, as leader Kim Jong Un pushes to advance his nuclear arsenal in the face of what North Korea has

called "gangster-like" U.S.-led pressure and sanctions. The unusually fast pace in weapons demonstrations also underscore brinkmanship aimed at forcing Washington to accept the idea of North Korea as a nuclear power and negotiating badly needed sanctions relief and security concessions from a position

of strength, experts say. The U.S. and South Korean governments have also said the North is gearing up to conduct its first nuclear test since September 2017, when it claimed to have detonated a nuclear warhead designed for its ICBMs.

While the Biden administration has said it would push for additional sanctions if North Korea conducts another nuclear test, the prospects for meaningful punitive measures are unclear. China and Russia recently vetoed U.S.-sponsored resolutions at the U.N. Security Council that would have increased sanctions on the North over some of its ballistic missile testing this year, underscoring division between the council's permanent members that has deepened over Russia's war on Ukraine.

Guterres' meetings with South Korean officials came a day after North Korea claimed a widely disputed victory over COVID-19 but also blamed rival South Korea for the outbreak, vowing "deadly" retaliation. □

Amsterdam's Schiphol compensating air travelers hit by chaos

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) —

Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport has launched a compensation program for travelers who missed their flights because of lengthy delays that have plagued the busy European hub for months.

Schiphol's announcement Thursday night heads off a possible mass claim for compensation by passengers who saw their holiday plans evaporate amid hours-long queues for security screening.

The Dutch airport was one of several across Europe, including London's Heathrow, that was plunged into chaos by staff shortages and soaring demand as air travel rebounded strongly from two years of COVID-19 restrictions. Airlines and airports slashed

jobs during the pandemic, making it difficult to quickly ramp back up to serve the new burst of travelers. "A lot of people have really been looking forward to their holidays abroad, especially after two years of COVID. We're extremely sorry that some people

have missed their flight due to the long security control queue," Schiphol CEO Dick Benschop said in a statement. "During these special times and circumstances, we must not let these people fall through the cracks," he added. □



Travelers wait in long lines to check in and board flights at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport, Netherlands, on June 21, 2022. Associated Press

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Paraguay vice president to quit after U.S. alleges corruption

By DANIEL POLITI

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — Paraguay Vice President Hugo Velázquez Moreno said Friday he will resign next week shortly after he was included on a U.S. corruption list for his alleged involvement in offering bribes to a public official.

The inclusion of Velázquez on the corruption list, announced by U.S. Ambassador to Paraguay Marc Ostfield Friday morning, rocked Paraguay's political world not only due to Moreno's role in President Mario Abdo Benítez's administration but also because he is seen as a leading contender to become a presidential candidate for the Colorado Party in next year's elections.

Minutes after Ostfield spoke at a news conference at the U.S. embassy in the Paraguayan capital of Asunción, Velázquez expressed his innocence but said he would drop his presidential candidacy and would present his resignation to Congress next week so he could defend himself against the allegations.

"It really hit me like a bucket of cold water," Velázquez said during an interview



Paraguay's Vice President Hugo Velázquez smiles during "Te Deum" at the Cathedral in Asunción, Paraguay, Aug. 15, 2018.

with a local radio station. "I don't know what he's referring to because he didn't give too many details."

Juan Carlos Duarte, a former prosecutor who is a close personal and business associate of Moreno, was also included in the corruption list, Ostfield said. Ostfield said Secretary of State Antony Blinken "received credible information" that showed how "at the request of Vice Presi-

dent Velázquez, Duarte, his close personal and professional partner, offered a bribe of more than \$1 million to a public official."

This offering of a bribe was "consistent with an apparent pattern of corrupt activity" and in this case it was carried out to "obstruct an investigation that threatened the vice president and his financial interests," Ostfield said.

As a result of the designa-

tions, Velázquez, Duarte and their immediate family members will no longer be allowed to enter the United States.

Velázquez said he is "completely and totally" in the dark about the allegations detailed by Ostfield.

Paraguay's vice president said he would resign because he wants to "go out like a common citizen to defend what I think is an injustice."

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President Mario Abdo Benítez said the U.S. allegations "surprised us all" but congratulated Velázquez for his quick decision to drop out of the presidential race and announce he would be stepping down as vice president.

"I congratulate him for his mature attitude in prioritizing the interests and the construction of credibility of our nation in announcing to the Paraguayan people that he will resign as a candidate and as vice president," Abdo said.

"Duarte's act of corruption abused and exploited his powerful and privileged public position within the Yacyretá Bi-National Entity, risking public confidence in one of Paraguay's most vital economic assets," the State Department said.

Duarte has been removed from his post at Yacyretá, Abdo said.

The designation comes mere weeks after a former president of Paraguay, Horacio Manuel Cartes, was also included on a U.S. corruption list for his "involvement in significant corruption." Cartes served as president of Paraguay between August 2013 and August 2018. □

India criticizes China for blocking UN sanctions on militant

By ASHOK SHARMA Associated Press

NEW DELHI (AP) — India on Friday criticized China's decision to block the im-

position of U.N. sanctions sought by it and the United States against the deputy chief of Jaish-e-Mohammad, a Pakistan-based ex-

tremist group designated by the United Nations as a terrorist organization.

"It is unfortunate that when it comes to our collective battle against terrorism the international community has been unable to speak in one common voice," Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said.

Abdul Rauf Azhar has been under U.S. sanctions since December 2010 for acting for or on behalf of the group, known as JEM. India says Azhar was involved in the planning and execution of numerous terror attacks, including the 1999 hijacking of an Indian Airlines aircraft, the 2001 attack on the Indian Parliament and the 2016 attack

on an Indian air force base in Pathankot.

An official at China's U.N. Mission, who was not authorized to speak publicly, said on Wednesday that his country put the proposed listing of Azhar for sanctions on hold because it needed more time to study the case. He said the U.N. Security Council committee monitoring sanctions allows "holds" on people proposed for sanctions, "and there have been quite a number of similar holds by committee members on listing requests."

In June, China put a hold on adding Abdul Rehman Makki, deputy chief of another Pakistani group proscribed by the U.N., Lashkar-e-Taiba, to the

U.N. blacklist. Makki has been under U.S. sanctions since November 2010, and India says he has been involved in raising funds, recruiting and radicalizing young people to resort to violence, and planning attacks, including in Mumbai in 2008.

The Indian spokesperson said on Friday there should be no double standards in dealing with terrorists. "The practice of placing holds and blocks without giving any justification must end. It is most regrettable that genuine and evidence-based listing proposals pertaining to some of the most notorious terrorists in the world are being placed on hold," Bagchi said in a statement. □



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, front and Chinese President Xi Jinping shake hands with leaders at the BRICS summit in Goa, India, Oct. 16, 2016.

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Department of Integration and Management of Foreigners introduces Digital Portal to members of ATIA

ORANJESTAD – Aruba Trade and Industry Association (ATIA) together with the Department of Integration and Management of Foreigners (DIMAS) organized the first session for the members of ATIA during which DIMAS introduced their new Digital Portal to apply for work permits.

More sessions are planned for the members of ATIA where they can find more information, receive their



for the next session, which will be announced by e-mail.

Aruba Trade and Industry Association (ATIA) was founded in 1945 and is the main organization representing businesses, businessmen and commerce in Aruba. The goal of ATIA is to defend, promote and protect its members' interest and the commerce of Aruba in general.

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registration and user names ready, and also receive a thorough explanation of the digital process.

This portal will make the ap-

plication process for DIMAS more efficient.

ATIA thanks DIMAS for the presentation, and also asks its members to be pending

Aruba Huis together with the ministry of Education Focus on a better transition for students from Aruba going to the Netherlands

ORANJESTAD – There is a very serious housing crisis in the Netherlands currently, affecting not only students coming from abroad, but Dutch people as well. This year some Universities in the Netherlands sent communications informing the students not to come to the Netherlands if they didn't have a place to live yet, which shows the seriousness of the situation.

Aruba had a group of around 40 students who went to the Netherlands without have a place to live, but many of them already found a place to stay from the 1st of September, according to Prime Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes.

The group of students who didn't previously have a place to live is staying with family, acquaintances or at the student hotel that certain big cities have, but the latter is more expensive. There were cases of students who found a room that they didn't like, for various reasons like it being too small and they wanted more comfort and so they rejected that room and

had to start from scratch. Premier Wever-Croes says that it's important to note that currently, there are no students on the streets.

The Prime Minister, during conversations with some of the students that went to the Netherlands without having arranged a place to live, said they made the decision to go to the Netherlands without having a permanent residence in order to not miss the opportunity to start the academic year. It's worth noting that in the Netherlands you need an address to register as a resident and they have very strict rules. "As long as you're not registered at an address, you cannot get a bank account, cannot get internet or cellphone service, etc."

Role of Aruba Huis and housing Aruba Huis (Aruba House – the seat of the plenipotentiary minister of Aruba in the Netherlands), together with the minister of Education, Endy Croes, will focus on better preparing the students for next year.

There are cities in the Neth-

erlands where they can begin applying for housing way in advance. Aruba Huis recommends for the students to begin applying for housing one year before their intended arrival in the Netherlands. This way they can begin assessing the available possibilities, and this will increase the students' chances to be considered for a house or apartment.

Currently, Aruba Huis does not have the possibility to take charge of housing for students. They will begin to work on the problem through a website, by giving more information and giving more guidance to the students.

As was announced some time ago, Aruba Huis is going through reorganization, and while doing this, the intention is to change the current role of Aruba Huis in order to better serve the needs of the Aruban people, among other things, to have a better transition for Arubans who go study in the Netherlands.

Another aspect that is cur-



rently being worked on with Aruba Huis and the Secretary of State for Kingdom Relations, Alexandra van Huffelen, is to allow students to receive a burgerservicenummer (BSN, citizen registration number) for the Netherlands in advance, even if it's a professional one, before they arrive in the Netherlands. If they have a BSN they can begin arranging various aspects for their housing, which can take between 3 and 4 weeks, more in advance.

However, this is in the hands of the Dutch Government, seeing as receiving a BSN in advance is something big.

It is important for these conversations to continue to see if it can be achieved, the Prime Minister emphasizes.

To conclude, Wever-Croes said that right now, the housing situation requires more involvement by the Aruba Huis, but maybe in the future the situation will change again. If this is the case, then maybe the role of Aruba Huis will change again, but right now, they see the need to be more active regarding housing for students, and they will do this, among other things, by facilitating registries that a student can use. □

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The 4th edition of “Vow Renewal” at Eagle Beach

ORANJESTAD - Yesterday Aruba celebrated the 4th edition of “Vow Renewal” at Eagle Beach.

The couples said “I Do” to each other one more time during the ceremony of the biggest event of vow renewal in the Caribbean. After taking a break of 2 years, last Thursday the ceremony came back with its 4th edition of Aruba’s “Vow Renewal.”

Ronella Croes, CEO of A.T.A expressed that “Aruba is happy to be able to invite the couples that are a part of this romantic tradition in Aruba. We honored the couples all over the world that chose Aruba as the destiny to celebrate their love.”

Both couples who married recently and those who married many years ago, including couples who married more than 50 years ago were present for this event. The event brought coverage to Aruba, particularly in the romance category. A category that receives a lot of attention from A.T.A and it's associates in the market. □



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It is with great pride and much pleasure that Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) can officially announce the addition to an existing European route out of the United Kingdom. Starting in March of 2023 we will be able to also welcome -British Airways with a twice weekly service out of London Gatwick airport next to our current partner TUI UK who operates seasonal service out of this gateway.

British Airways will fly to Aruba year-round, on Thursday and Sunday, with a stop in Antigua. The LGW-AUA flight will be operated on a 336-seat Boeing 777-200ER, offering 32 Club seats, 52 World Traveller Plus and 252 economy seats.

AAA, whilst working closely on this with the Aruba Tourism Authority, has been in talks with British Airways since 2015 during various routes conferences and at their head quarters in London. During the past 10 months these talks, and subsequent negotiations intensified and have now crystalized in being able to announce this service today.

Flight details

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Flight BA2157 Depart Antigua 14:35 – Arrive Aruba 16:30

Flight BA2156 Depart Aruba 18:30 – Arrive Antigua 20:15
Flight BA2156 Depart Antigua 21:15 – Arrive London Gatwick 10:15

At the moment our market in Europe is being served by KLM and TUI Fly Netherlands both operating out of Amsterdam and also TUI Airways limited out of London Gatwick. Currently the European market share represents 8% of the total amount of passengers that are handled at AUA Airport with 44 flights in the month of July adding up to a total amount of seats of 16,443 for this month. KLM operates 7 flights each week, TUI NL 3 flights and TUI UK 1 flight, being a seasonal operation.

London Gatwick Airport (LGW) is a major international airport located near Crawley, West Sussex, England, approximately 29 miles (47 km) south of Central London. LGW has handled 6.9 million pax in 2021 and pre-covid handled over 46 million. Gatwick was the world's first airport to have a direct mainline train link with a dedicated railway station connecting to more stations than any other European airport station. Time by rail to central London is 30 minutes with trains running every three minutes.

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of flights operated weekly into the Caribbean are 70 with a total seat capacity of 21,083 seats.

Mr. Joost Meijs, Chief Executive Officer of AAA commented: Another milestone for the island's tourism industry with a direct year-round scheduled service between London Gatwick Airport and Aruba. The introduction of this direct service is a goal we have long been working towards and we are thrilled that our air service development efforts have borne fruit. In a highly competitive arena, it is essential to have a direct year-round scheduled service and easy connections from major markets. This is a real team effort, and I am convinced that it will become a success!

AAA is proud to also report that for this year a total of 777,826 outbound passengers were handled at AUA Airport whilst 101,791 of these passengers were from Europe. Europe represents a total



market share of 14% of all the arriving passengers. Overall, when looking at all markets served by AUA Airport, a recovery of 91% has been enjoyed up to now versus 2019. In July alone a recovery of 99% was reached versus the same month in 2019. The current market share per airline for Europe is now 66% KLM, 21% TUI and 12% TUI UK. □





Children play to have fun, but this is also how they develop their motor skills, creativity, imagination, thinking capacity, and also learn to discover themselves as a person. This is the mission of Fundacion Hunga Teca, to give the children the opportunity to develop in different areas and to learn through play.

President of Fundacion Hunga Teca, Yamila Hoevertsz-Kock, explains that Fundacion Hunga Teca is a sort of library where the children can become members, for only five florins per year, and they can borrow a toy and exchange it every week (Hunga Teca is a play on the Papiamentu words 'hunga' – to play, and 'biblioteca' – library). The foundation is focused on educational toys because through play, a child can learn a lot.

In Aruba there are many underprivileged children. At home and at school, these children do not have access to the right materials to play in order to aid their development. Hunga Teca makes sure to provide these children with toys so that they can start to foster a love of learning.

Hoevertsz-Kock explains that when children play, they develop their gross motor skills by running, jumping, etc. When they play with Lego, they develop their fine motor skills, but also develop their creative side, as well as their intellect and become more

intelligent. When children play with each other, or with their parents, they develop their social and emotional skills. "That means that children develop a lot of important aspects to their development. That's why we at Hunga Teca focus on playing and learning through play", she says.

Fundacion Hunga Teca emphasizes the importance of play for children's development

During their activities, Hunga Teca teaches the children how adults used to play in the past. Currently toys can be very expensive, and in the past, parents had many more children, so this is why the foundation wants to teach the children that to have fun, play with each other, and develop their mind, body and spirit, it's not necessary to have a lot of money. What is needed is creativity, and the love of the parents playing with the kids.

Hoevertsz-Kock commented that Fundacion Hunga Teca always demands that when the children take part in their activities, they must come accompanied by an adult, because the foundation wants to strengthen the family circle.



"The parents work, and we all know that nowadays parents have to work long

hours. But the little quality time you have per day, be it five or ten minutes, play with your child. Grandpa and Grandma also have a big role to play in the development of a child. Sit down to play with your grandkids", she added.

Hoevertsz-Kock says that the children find the activities really fun, and there is a good reaction. As a former school teacher, she explains that she noticed how a lot of kids spend time on electronic devices, because when playing certain games, they stumble because they are not used to playing those games. At the same time, the kids themselves also notice that the more they do it, the better their technique becomes. This was a small challenge for them, she explains.

"I have to say that more needs to be done for the gross motor skills, more games in this regard. Sports are good, but it's also possible to play with things around the house", she emphasizes.

Today, Fundacion Hunga Teca has a painting on canvas workshop. For more information, you can contact them through their Facebook Page. □



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Don't bank on your business to fund your retirement

By KELSEY SHEEHY Nerd-Wallet

Retirement can loom like a dark cloud for small-business owners. Many invest blood, sweat and tears and every penny into building their business but never set cash aside for the future. A huge number of entrepreneurs have reported putting aside no retirement savings at all. For some, selling the business is their only retirement plan.

That's a risky bet, says Keith Hall, president and chief executive officer of the National Association for the Self-Employed.

"You're putting all of your eggs in one basket. Not just your current lifestyle, but your future," Hall says. "If something goes wrong, you sacrifice both."

And the list of things that could go wrong is long: Your business could fail. Your health could fail. You may not find a buyer. You may have to sell for less than you need. You may not be able to retire fully. Rather than gamble on everything going right, diversify your nest egg so it will last you well into your later years.

MAKE RETIREMENT PLANNING A PRIORITY

Saving for retirement is often the last item on your budget and the first to get cut in favor of other priorities, Hall says. Instead, make it as important as paying your mortgage or running your business.

This won't come naturally to most entrepreneurs, who are often hyper-focused on immediate needs and tend to plan in three- to five-year increments.

"It's hard as an entrepreneur and small-business owner to think 20-plus years out," says Mary Bell Carlson, owner of Carlson Consulting LLC. "I'm often figuring out what I need to do today for immediate cash and long-term profitability."

But Carlson, a financial counselor and certified financial planner, makes a point to invest where she



Sheets of uncut \$100 run through a printing press at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Western Currency Facility in Fort Worth, Texas, on Sept. 24, 2013.

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can. She and her husband contribute to his employer-provided retirement plan. They each also put money into individual retirement accounts, among other investments.

"My biggest lesson has been to start, no matter how small the amount; it's just important to start," she says. Determine what you can afford, whether that's 1%, 5% or 10% of your gross earnings, and commit to it, Hall says. Over a long enough window, even small, regular contributions will compound into something meaningful.

There are a number of retirement plans for small-business owners, each with requirements, stipulations and tax implications.

TRADITIONAL, ROTH IRA: Individual retirement accounts are easy to open and available to virtually anyone. You can contribute up to \$6,000 in 2022 (up to \$7,000 if you're 50 or older). The main difference between traditional and Roth IRAs is whether you want tax savings now or later. Traditional IRAs use pre-tax income, but you pay taxes when the money comes out. With Roths, it's the other way around.

SOLO 401(K): Available to business owners with no full-time employees (exception made for a spouse). The contribution limit is up to \$61,000 for 2022, though that's broken into two parts, each with limits. Similar to an employer-spon-

sored 401(k), contributions are pre-tax and withdrawals are taxed as income.

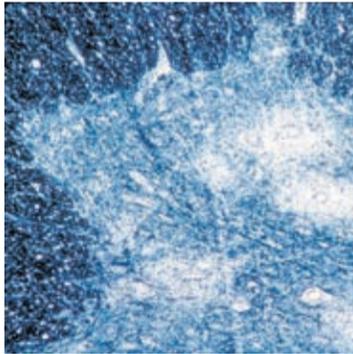
SEP IRA: A Simplified Employee Pension IRA, or SEP IRA, operates much like a traditional IRA, except you can contribute a lot more. Annual contributions are capped at \$61,000 in 2022 versus \$6,000 for a standard IRA. Another key difference: If you put money into your own SEP IRA, you must contribute an equal percentage to employees. This option is best for solo-preneurs or those with few employees.

SIMPLE IRA: This option has a lower contribution limit, up to \$14,000 in 2022 (for those under age 50), but it offers employee accounts and is easier for small companies to administer than a traditional 401(k). You must offer a 3% match or a blanket 2% contribution to all employees. You can deduct contributions made to your account and those made on your employees' behalf.

GET INPUT FROM A PROFESSIONAL

Sure, you can try to decode which retirement plan is best for your business. Or you can work with a certified financial planner or registered investment advisor to determine the best path. Doing the latter can give you confidence in your strategy, help you avoid any costly penalties and ensure you don't leave any money on the table. □

EXPLAINER: What to know about polio spreading in New York



This 1964 microscope image made available by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows damage from the polio virus to human spinal cord tissue.

Associated Press

By The Associated Press

The polio virus has been found in New York City sewage, but officials are stressing that the highest risk is for people who haven't been vaccinated.

Polio was once one of the nation's most feared diseases, with annual outbreaks causing thousands of cases of paralysis. Its elimination in the U.S., officially declared in 1979, is considered one of the nation's greatest public health victories. Yet cases have cropped up occasionally since then, often among people who had traveled to other countries. Recently, an unvaccinated young adult north of New York City contracted polio. On Friday, health officials in the nation's largest city said they had found the virus in wastewater samples, suggesting it was spreading among the unvaccinated. □

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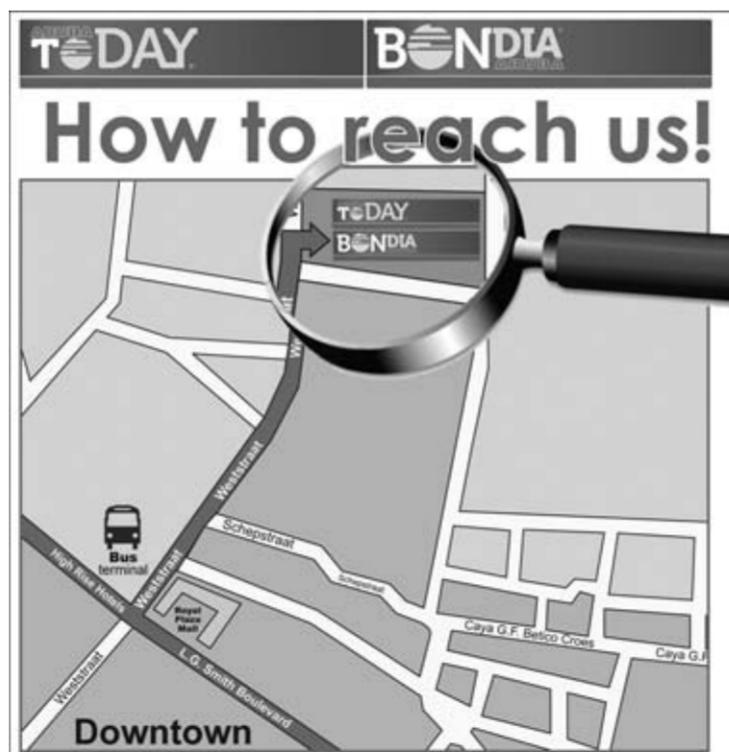
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Bubba Wallace signs contract extension with 23XI Racing

By **JENNA FRYER**
AP Auto Racing Writer

Bubba Wallace locked down his future with 23XI Racing on Friday and now is eyeing a spot in NASCAR's playoffs for the first time in his career.

Wallace and 23XI announced a multiyear contract extension that keeps Wallace in the No. 23 Toyota that was the foundation of Denny Hamlin and Michael Jordan's race team. The organization was launched around the only Black driver competing at NASCAR's top level and the many partners Wallace signed in 2020 when he became a central figure in the national reckoning on racial and social justice issues.

"It feels great to get this renewal done and to know I have a home at 23XI Racing," Wallace said. "Thanks to M.J. and Denny for continuing to believe in me. We've come a long way together in less than two years and we've checked off some major goals along the way. We know we still have work to do, both on and off the race track, but I feel good about our team and the direction we're heading."

Wallace had no intention of testing the free agent market because he believes his only future in NASCAR is with 23XI.



Bubba Wallace smiles during NASCAR Cup Series auto race qualifying at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich., Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022. Wallace won the pole position.

Associated Press

"I thought from Day 1 on joining this team that I wanted to make this where I retire and a place that I call home for a very long time," Wallace said. "I'm just trying to do the best that I can and continue those efforts."

The team expanded this season to add a second car, with veteran Kurt Busch as Wallace's teammate. Busch will miss his fourth consecutive race on Sunday with concussion-like symptoms, which has put his playoff berth in jeopardy. At the same time, Wallace is clawing toward his

own spot in the 16-driver field. Wallace has never before made the Cup Series playoffs and heads into Sunday's race at Richmond ranked a career-best 19th in the standings.

He's coming off his first pole of the season last week at Michigan International Speedway and then a second-place finish that left him nearly in tears over falling just short of his second career win.

"We haven't had the best season, but we've been able to turn it around and really shown what we are capable of these last hand-

ful of races," Wallace said. "We know the urge to win is high and I thought that was the best opportunity that we had all year long, and just me replaying the last restart and wondering what could I have done different?"

"I am in a much better place today; I see how incredible our team performed ... to put us in that position. So lots to be happy for and grateful for, but in that moment, the sign of defeat got me there for a second."

Wallace has four consecutive finishes of eighth or

better, but he needs a victory in the remaining three regular-season races to get into the playoffs. NASCAR races at Richmond, the road course at Watkins Glen and then Daytona, where Wallace should be considering among the favorites.

Wallace earned his only career victory, the first for the 23XI organization, last fall at Talladega. At Daytona, Wallace has four top-five finishes in 10 career Cup starts. Three of those finishes were second.

"Without a doubt," Wallace said when asked if he believes he can win in the regular season. "We're really confident with what we're bringing back for Sunday. Watkins Glen is just a race of survival, you never know what can happen. But then Daytona, I think we're one of the favorites going into that. We just have to continue to do what we do like we've been doing the last four to five races."

"It seems to be working. Don't ask what it is. I can't really tell you. But it's working."

The extension was announced a day after Wallace hosted more than 3,500 people at Richmond Raceway for the inaugural "Bubba's Block Party," which he hopes will bring a younger, more diverse audience to NASCAR. □



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, wipes the sweat off during a training session at the Mutua Madrid Open tennis tournament in Madrid, Spain, on April 30, 2022.

Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — Novak Djokovic pulled out of next week's hard-court tournament in Cincinnati on Friday because he has

not gotten any COVID-19 vaccine shots and so is not allowed to travel to the United States.

That is also why Djokovic is

Unvaccinated Djokovic out of U.S. Open tuneup in Cincinnati

not expected to be able to enter the U.S. Open, the year's last Grand Slam tournament, which begins in New York on Aug. 29.

Djokovic is a 35-year-old from Serbia who owns 21 major championships, one behind Rafael Nadal for the men's record. Djokovic has said he won't get vaccinated against the illness caused by the coronavirus, even if that prevents him from playing in certain tournaments. He missed the Australian Open in January after being deported from that country

and needed to sit out two events in the United States earlier this year, along with a tournament in Montreal this week.

Djokovic has said he was still holding out hope of being able to enter the U.S. Open, but that would require a change of government policy, which the U.S. Tennis Association says it will adhere to.

Djokovic is a three-time champion at the U.S. Open and was the runner-up last year to Daniil Medvedev.

Other men who have with-

drawn from the field in Cincinnati include defending champion Alexander Zverev — the 2020 U.S. Open runner-up tore ankle ligaments at the French Open in June — and injured players Gael Monfils, Reilly Opelka, Oscar Otte and Dominic Thiem. Australian Open finalist Danielle Collins pulled out of the women's draw because of a neck injury, while three-time major champion Angelique Kerber made a scheduling change and opted not to compete in Cincinnati. □



Tennessee Titans quarterback Malik Willis (7) scrambles as offensive tackle Dillon Radunz (75) blocks for him during the first half of an NFL football game against the Baltimore Ravens, Thursday, Aug. 11, 2022, in Baltimore.

Associated Press

Titans have competition for backup QB job thanks to Willis

By TERESA M. WALKER
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

The Tennessee Titans have a competition for the job backing up Ryan Tannehill, and coach Mike Vrabel has made it very clear they want rookie Malik Willis throwing more.

Vrabel pulled Willis two plays into Tennessee's first drive of the third quarter after the quarterback scrambled on the second play for 17 yards in the Titans' 23-10 loss Thursday night to Baltimore. Willis showed off his scrambling ability running five times for 38 yards with a touchdown, and his strong arm was on display with a 48-yard toss to Racy McMath.

An impressive debut that had the rookie trending with video snippets of his highlights all over social media. Yet Willis finished with only one more completion than rushes, going 6 of 11 for 107 yards while being sacked twice.

And the Titans lost.

"We wanted him to rip it, and he didn't," Vrabel said Friday. "And so I'm sure he'll rip it the next time that he has an opportunity."

The Titans traded up to draft Willis at No. 86 overall out of Liberty in April, and they've been giving the rookie as much experience

as possible this preseason. Willis has had opportunities to work with the second-team offense during training camp, and he started against Baltimore over Logan Woodside, who has been Tannehill's backup the past two seasons.

Vrabel said they knew the Ravens would give them multiple looks and pressures. The challenge for Willis is what Vrabel called the "fine line" between moving around inside the pocket tapping into the drills they practice every day and working through his reads to find receivers.

"And then there's times where we're going to want him to go and be an athlete," Vrabel said. "And so there's some things we have to work on with ... certainly the timing and what he's seeing when those throws depend on it. And then there's other times that I thought he really made some nice plays down the field and kept his eyes down the field." One came on the play to McMath to set up a field goal in the second quarter. Willis also completed a sidearm throw around a defender to tight end Tommy Hudson. Willis took a sack just before halftime when he held onto the ball too long while

in the pocket, then threw the ball away a couple of plays later. Vrabel said it's just execution and where Willis' eyes are progressing through his reads. The work continues Saturday in camp, and the Titans also have a pair of joint practices with the first Wednesday with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers ahead of their exhibition Aug. 20 in Nashville.

"This is all happening pretty quick and much quicker with more consequences in the game than what it's been in practice," Vrabel said. Woodside has had little competition in backing up Tannehill the past two seasons, playing in 11 games. The quarterback drafted in the seventh round out of Toledo in 2018 by Cincinnati spent the first three weeks on the Titans' practice squad in 2018 and all of 2019 injured on the practice squad.

Against the Ravens, Woodside threw more than twice as many passes as Willis going 14 of 24 for 102 yards. But he was intercepted twice, the first at the Ravens 2 on a pass to Terry Godwin, who Vrabel said could've helped break up that interception.

"Ultimately, the guy that has the ball is responsible for taking care of it," Vrabel said. □



Sepp Straka, of Austria, watches his birdie putt on the 18th hole during the second round of the St. Jude Championship golf tournament Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, in Memphis, Tenn.

Associated Press

Straka shakes out of slump, grabs early lead in Memphis

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Sepp Straka showed up for the start of the PGA Tour's postseason and only saw opportunity instead of two months of bad results in his rearview mirror.

Straka had not made it to the weekend since the Memorial in early June. And then he opened the FedEx Cup St. Jude Championship with rounds of 64-66 to take the early lead Friday at the TPC Southwind.

"Hadn't played great coming into this week. Missed a bunch of cuts coming in," Straka said (in his case, "a bunch" would be six in a row). "But that's golf. You're going to have the ebbs and flows and just kind go with it." And off he went, especially at the end, when he finished with three straight birdies to get to 10 under.

He had a one-shot lead over Denny McCarthy (65), with Brian Harman (66) another shot back. All of them already were safe to be among the top 70 who advance to the second stage of the FedEx Cup playoffs next week in Delaware.

Tony Finau, coming off two straight victories, was among those playing in the afternoon.

Rory McIlroy was among those who likely would not be playing the rest of the week. McIlroy was going along reasonably well until taking bogey from the trees and finishing with a bogey on the par-4 ninth for a 69.

That put him at 1-under 139, and scoring was so good in ideal conditions that making the cut looked to be unlikely.

At least he can afford it as the No. 6 seed. Friday marked the end of the season for some players who miss the cut and either could not move into the top 70 or were probably going to get bumped out.

Straka won the Honda Classic for his first PGA Tour title this year. That got him into the Masters for the first time and he can't wait to get back. Reaching the FedEx Cup finale at East Lake might be the ticket, and he's off to the right kind of start.

He holed a 20-foot birdie putt on the par-3 14th, got up-and-down for birdie on the par-5 16th and closed with a pair of birdies from the 15-foot range for his 66. Straka, born and raised in Austria until moving from Vienna to Valdosta, Georgia, as a teenager, never dragged two months of bad golf with him to the course.

"You can't afford to do that out here," he said. "The margin's so small, if you miss some fairways, now you're starting to play for pars and you can't really do that. You've just got to remind yourself that any one thing can change it the other way." □

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